

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 31, 2006. Claims 1 to 32 remain pending in the application, with Claims 33 to 35 having been canceled. Claims 1, 10, 14, 15 and 16 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1 to 32 are allowable.

Claims 33 to 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,345,288 (Reed) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,598 (Beckwith). Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, and solely to obtain the earliest possible allowance of the allowed claims, Applicants have decided to cancel the rejected claims and to pursue those claims in a continuation application.

In view of the cancellation of the rejected claims, and the indicated allowability of the remaining claims, this Amendment is believed to fully comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and therefore, entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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